



Ohio School Boards  
Association

**TO:** Treasurers  
**FROM:** Sara C. Clark, Director of Legal Services  
**DATE:** December 2017  
**SUBJECT:** 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND MEMBERSHIP

I am writing to encourage your board to consider becoming a member of OSBA's Legal Assistance Fund (LAF) for 2018. I have sent a similar letter to your board president and superintendent under separate cover.

Since 1977, LAF has provided supportive assistance to boards of education in cases or controversies of statewide significance. Qualifying districts may request and receive:

- financial assistance to pay for a portion of litigation expenses
- an amicus curiae brief to be filed on behalf of the district
- legal research or consultation to assist the district's attorney

In 2017, LAF provided support in four cases involving matters of statewide significance. These cases involved school levy and tax issues, school records and student privacy, and school board liability. Our briefs are making a difference, and are contributing toward favorable judicial decisions that can have a very positive impact on your district and its students.

As a benefit of LAF membership, you will receive a yearly subscription to *School Law Summary (SLS)*. Four electronic issues will keep you up to speed on major developments in state and federal case law affecting education in Ohio.

Please make joining LAF a priority. Through your support, we can continue to focus on legal issues that impact all Ohio school districts.

To join, please place consideration of joining LAF on your next board meeting agenda. **Enclosed is a sample resolution and an invoice for your convenience.** Please return the top portion to OSBA with a check payable to the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund.

If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to provide assistance, please call Lenore Winfrey, senior administrative assistant of legal services at (614) 540-4000 or (855) OSBA-LAW.

Enclosure.

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**Legal Assistance Fund**  
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December 1, 2017

District Treasurer  
 Celina City  
 585 E Livingston St  
 Celina OH 45822-1749

**Invoice number 18-2222896-LAF**

AMOUNT DUE \$ 250.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DUE DATE Jan. 12, 2018

OSBA Legal Assistance Fund tax identification number is 31-0934576

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12/1/17		<b>OSBA LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND CONSULTANT SERVICE</b> OSBA Legal Assistance Fund (LAF) Consultant Service Contract pursuant to R.C. Section 3313.171 (January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018)  LAF membership should be charged to Account No. 001-2310-418  <b>Checks MUST be made payable to the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund</b>	250.00

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